

Burt Solomons

Biography

Burt Solomons was raised in Dallas, Texas attending Thomas Jefferson High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Government from Texas Tech University. Burt also earned a Masters of Public Administration from Southern Methodist University, and his law degree from the University of Tulsa.

Burt has practiced law in Denton County since 1978, starting out as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Denton and as Acting City Attorney for a brief period; and, then working as General Counsel for Lawyers Title of Denton and Lewisville. Along with his law practice emphasizing real estate and business matters since 1986, he has served as Presiding Municipal Judge in the City of Carrollton from 1987-1993, Alternate Municipal Judge for Lewisville and Flower Mound, and as President of the Texas Municipal Courts Association during 1993-94. Burt has served as legal counsel for the Greater Lewisville Association of Realtors since 1990. In addition to his own law practice in North Carrollton, he is "Of Counsel" with the law firm of Bell, Nunnally & Martin, LLP in Dallas.

First elected to the Texas House of Representatives in the November 1994 General Election to represent District 65, Burt had been an active volunteer in political and charitable activities in Denton and Dallas Counties for many years. He is now in his eighth (8th) term in office.

As a member of the Texas House of Representatives, Burt is active in both the Republican Caucus. He currently serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on State Affairs and is a member of the House Calendars Committee.

Since serving in the Texas House, Burt has written & passed a variety of business, real estate, tax and crime bills. In the 2001 Legislative session, Burt authored and passed the telemarketing Texas No-Call List bill which became a model for the federal no-call list, and the first countywide transit system bill in Texas which has resulted in the establishment of the Denton County Transportation Authority. In the 2005 Legislative session, Rep. Solomons authored and passed major workers' compensation reform with HB 7, and the Texas Finance Code Modernization Act (HB 955). Among other bills passed in the 2007 Legislative Session Burt was a co-author of the Constitutional Amendment requiring record votes on all final bills passed in the Texas House and HB 716, the Texas Mortgage Fraud Act. Burt has been honored as a Fighter for Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business and was a Texas Monthly Honorable Mention 80th Session Best Legislator. Other legislative honors include:

- Legislator of the Year (2001) by Texas Purchasing Agents Association
- Outstanding Legislator (2001) by American Association of Retired Persons
- Legislator Hall of Fame (2003 & 2005 & 2007) by the Texas Association of Realtors
- Heroes of the Heart Award (2005) by American College of Cardiology
- Texas Hospital Advocacy Award (2005) by Texas Hospital Association
- Champion for Free Enterprise Award (2005) by Texas Association of Business
- Named 2nd Most Conservative Member in Texas House by Texas Young Conservatives
- Outstanding Legislator of 2007 (for 80th Session) by Texas Land Title Association
- Burt, his wife Jamie, and their daughter, Haley, resides in North Carrollton in Denton County

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